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THE WRIT ISSUED

Victoria Bye-Election Will Be Held on the 8th of March.

The writ for the Victoria bye-election was issued to-day.

Nomination will be held on the 5th. Election will be held on the 8th.

FINAL SEPARATION

Of Lord Rosebery from Bannerman's Section of the Liberal Party Announced To-Day.

(Associated Press)

London, Feb. 21.—Lord Rosebery's announcement of his final separation from Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's section of the Liberal party, announced by the former in a letter to the London Times this morning, forms a fruitful topic for afternoon editorials and for discussion in all quarters of Great Britain.

One of the most noticeable phases is the curious effect the letter produced on the working of the Times editorial on the subject. Its friendliness to the ex-Premier might easily be explained on the ground of Unionist design or of an ad-hoc split in the opposition ranks. Its declaration that "what the country wants is not a brand new set of principles, but a new set of men capable of replacing the present set without upsetting the policy of the Empire," precedes the significant demand that "Lord Rosebery's party must prove that they can be trusted to infuse business, energy and capacity into the prosecution of an Imperial policy."

Concluding the Times says: "If the spirit of reform in that direction may prove to be remote, we can only say it may come sooner than anybody expects."

This cryptic utterance has started rumors of a new coalition between the Unionists and Imperial Liberals under the leadership of the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Rosebery, besides the possible defection of the Times in its support of the present government.

READY FOR THE PRINCE.

The President's Delegates Will Probably Meet Him at the Quarantine Station.

(Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 21.—All preparations have been made for the reception and entertainment of Prince Henry of Prussia, who is on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which is expected to arrive to-morrow. The imperial yacht Hohenzollern, after being cleaned up and partially repainted, lies at her pier at the foot of West 34th street waiting the Prince's arrival. The Marconi apparatus on the Hohenzollern has been tested and found in good working order. To-night the operator on board the Hohenzollern will begin to send messages in the effort to locate the Prince's ship, Admiral Evans, General Cordova, and Assistant Secretary of State Hill, the President's delegates, will board the Kron Prinz probably, at the quarantine station, and will greet Prince Henry in the name of the United States government.

Swiss papers record a decline in the export of wood carvings and attribute it to the lack of variety in the carvings, the few subjects being monotonously repeated.

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Last notice appears on Saturday. A crew of twelve, \$1000 by \$40 investment inside of three months does not occur more than once in a life time.

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FORTY KILLED IN BARCELONA FIGHTS

STRIKERS MAKE AN ATTACK ON PRISON

Disturbances Have Broken Out in
Neighboring Towns and the
Situation Is Grave.

(Associated Press)

Barcelona, Feb. 21.—Forty persons have been killed since the disturbances broke out here. The strikers to-day attacked the jail in an attempt to rescue their imprisoned comrades, but they were repulsed by the troops after a number of rioters had been killed or wounded.

The ordinary necessities of life are failing and the distress is accentuating. The strikers are said to be receiving large sums of money from London.

In the neighboring towns the disturbances are spreading, and are increasing in gravity.

The Strike Spreading.

Madrid, Feb. 21.—According to this morning's advices received from Barcelona, the situation there is improving, though it is still threatening. An effort will be made to-day to resume ordinary avocations. The most stringent measures have been prepared to protect traffic and business. The strikers have few rifles, but they are well supplied with revolvers and daggers. The search of suspected houses continues, resulting in the arrest of large numbers of anarchists and revolutionists of all kinds, who are considered to be the chief movers in the troubles.

The character of Barcelona makes it a resort for representatives of all revolutionary elements in Europe, and the ranks of the malcontent workmen have been swelled by French and other foreign political agitators.

The Republicans are busy among the troops urging them not to raise their arms against their own class in defense of plutocrats. The working people of Madrid favor the strikers.

Magistral law has been proclaimed at Tarragona. The strike is spreading in the Llobregat and Cardona valleys. There is a general cessation of work at Garve, and much excitement prevails at Batava. Forces of gendarmes have been dispatched to those places. Delegates from the labor societies of Saragossa have addressed the government in the form of a petition.

Sensational Report Discredited.

London, Feb. 21.—Dispatches received from Madrid and Barcelona and from various frontier towns in close touch with scenes of the disturbances in Spain, quite discredit the sensational dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company saying that a fierce battle had been fought between troops and rioters in a suburb of Barcelona, that the artillery raked street after street, and that 500 persons were reported to have been killed or wounded on both sides. As a matter of fact up to yesterday the total number of persons killed through the disturbance was only 40.

Attack on College.

Saragossa, Spain, Feb. 21.—A number of rioters attacked the Jesuit college here last night. The fathers fired on the mob, believing their assailants to be thieves.

Fight at Valencia.

Valencia, Feb. 21.—In a conflict here yesterday between rioters and police, three persons were wounded. Fourteen arrests were made.

A Settlement.

Castellon De La Plana, Feb. 21.—The employers and their employees reached an understanding this afternoon and the strike is ended.

Anarchists at Bilbao.

Bilbao, Feb. 21.—A number of anarchists have arrived here with the object of inciting a strike. The socialists have refused to co-operate in the movement.

OVERDUE VESSELS.

List at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, is Growing.

(Associated Press)

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The list of overdue vessels posted at the Merchants' Exchange is steadily growing. The Red Rock is 85 days from the Fraser river for London with salmon; the British ship Cape Rock is out 35 days from Port Los Angeles for Portland; the Earl Cadogan 34 days out between these ports; the French barque Les Adelphes 120 days from Madagascar for Portland; the French barque Ernest Legro 105 days out from Hobart, Tasmania, for Portland; the French barque Olivier de Sils 165 days out from Cayenne for this port, and the Yosemite 70 days out from Tacoma for Callao. The insurance on these vessels is quoted at from 15 to 20 per cent. each.

NOT IN CUSTODY.

Report That Rev. Mr. Tsilka Has Been Arrested is Denied.

(Associated Press)

Constantinople, Feb. 20.—The authorities here deny that Rev. Mr. Tsilka, husband of Madame Tsilka, the companion of Miss Ellen M. Stone, has been arrested for complicity in the kidnapping of the latter. They say that, according to last reports, Mr. Tsilka is in Sofia, Bulgaria.



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SPEAKER OF THE COMMONS.

FORGED BANK NOTES.

Counterfeits Are the Most Perfect of Their Kind Ever Attempted.

(Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 21.—A special to the Herald from London says: "Some hundreds of forged Bank of England notes for £5 have been put in circulation during the last fortnight. They are almost perfect counterfeits, and have been accepted without hesitation by bank cashiers and at business establishments. Many of the notes were passed off on book-makers at the last Hurst Park race meeting. It is admitted that the counterfeits, of which about 300 have already reached the Bank of England, are the most perfect of their kind ever attempted. They are beautifully printed in luminous black ink on paper whose crispness of texture and water marks resemble almost exactly the genuine article. Scotland Yard is busily engaged in the task of trying to track down the counterfeits, but the work is so immeasurably superior to that of all known forgers that new hands are suspected, which greatly increases the difficulties of running them down."

EARLY SEEDING.

Farmer Near Portage la Prairie Completes Sowing of Twenty-Five Acres.

(Associated Press)

Portage la Prairie, Feb. 21.—A record in early seeding has been established this year by Thos. Leader, a farmer, who resides west of Portage on the Plains. Yesterday Mr. Leader completed sowing twenty-five acres of wheat, and to-morrow, if the weather is suitable, he will put in twenty-five acres more. The land, which was ploughed in the fall, is in fair condition. It has become dried out on top and was easily harrowed. Unless a very severe period of weather sets in, and with a favorable spring, Mr. Leader's wheat will be ready for harvesting in June.

MR. J. CHAMBERLAIN AND THE DELEGATION

Accused of Lack of Tact in Discriminating Sharply Between Canada and South Africa.

(Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 21.—The strictures of the Canadian press on the reply of the colonial secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, to the Welsh delegation of Patagonia agriculturists who wish to emigrate to Canada, are considered well founded by prominent Canadians here, says the Tribune's London correspondent. They do not reproach him for any feeling of unfriendliness to the Dominion, but charge with lack of tact in discriminating sharply between Canada and South Africa. They assert that when the Dominion government offered to do so much for the unfortunate Welsh colonists stranded in Patagonia, Mr. Chamberlain ought to have avoided the implication that aid of the Imperial government might have been successfully invoked for sending them to Boer colonies, but not to Canada.

YOUNG LIFE SAVER.

Arthur Egan, of Chicago, to Recieve Royal Humane Society Medal.

(Associated Press)

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Arthur Egan, the 17-year-old boy who has saved twenty-seven lives in Lake Michigan, will be presented with a medal awarded by the Royal Humane Society, of London, England, to-morrow night. William Wyndham, the British consul here, will make the presentation. The society gives only two medals a year, and this is the first time that one of them has been awarded to a resident of the United States.

MASS MEETING Victoria Theatre TO-NIGHT.

The Electors of the City of Victoria are respectfully invited to attend a meeting in Victoria Theatre this evening, for the purpose of considering the present crisis.

We, the undersigned representatives, consider that the continuing vacancy in the representation of the City of Victoria, and the action of the Government in reference thereto, demand an emphatic expression of public opinion without delay.

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THREE FIRES IN EASTERN CANADA

DAMAGES NEARLY A QUARTER OF A MILLION

Recent Outbreaks at Rat Portage Believed to Have Been Work of Incendiaries.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 20.—Rev. A. F. Brine, one of the best known Anglican clergymen in the Maritime Provinces, died here this morning.

Sudden Death.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 20.—Israel Longworth, of the firm of Longworth & Layton, barristers at Truro, and one of the best known lawyers in Nova Scotia, died suddenly last night.

Body Found in Creek.

The lifeless body of Daniel McDonald, of Picton, was found in a creek at Loch Broom station yesterday. He had been put off the train on Tuesday night and was not seen afterwards. An investigation will be made.

Fatal Fall.

London, Ont., Feb. 20.—Dr. R. M. Bucke, for many years medical superintendent of the asylum for the insane in this city, met with a fatal accident at an early hour this morning. There were no witnesses to the accident, but it is supposed that while walking on the veranda of his home the doctor slipped and fell, striking his head with such force as to cause concussion of the brain.

Preferential Treatment.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Preferential treatment of colonial products by Great Britain was all but unanimously approved by a resolution in the Montreal Board of Trade to-day. It was a special meeting to discuss the subject, introduced by Robert Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, and about 75 members were present.

Pledged Guilt.

David Sutherland, who shot his wife a few days ago, pleaded guilty to the charge of attempted murder, and was remanded for a week.

The Election Frauds.

Investigation into the frauds at poll No. 37 in the recent election for St. James division was continued to-day. Eight witnesses swore that they voted for Bergeron, Conservative candidate, as did six others on the first day of the investigation, making so far 14 votes, although the returning officer only counted 10. Others whose names appeared on the list of the returning officer as having voted, swore that they voted at other polls. Bench warrants were issued for the arrest of Edward Lefebvre, L. A. Gingras (poll clerk) and F. X. Hétu, all of whom failed to appear.

Send Back.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 20.—Thomas Brooks, a Windsor painter, was deported from Detroit yesterday on the ground that if he was allowed to fill his contract for painting houses, it would be a violation of the United States Immigration Act.

Destructive Fire.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The biggest fire in several years occurred in the city early this evening. Mensies' window shade factory and the Merchants' Dyeing & Finishing Company, adjacent buildings on King street West, near the subway, were destroyed. Loss on Mensies' place was \$100,000. During the fire the dyeing place, next door, was wiped out, the damage being \$90,000. The fire is believed to have arisen from the spontaneous combustion of waste cotton in pails.

Mr. Whitney Entertained.

The banquet to Mr. Whitney this evening by his followers in the legislature was a decided success from the standpoint of enthusiasm and good fellowship. The company was made up largely of a parliamentary delegation and presidents and secretaries of Conservative associations, and candidates for the legislature throughout the province, and numbered nearly 400.

Proposed Veterinary College.

Efforts will be made to establish a veterinary college in Winnipeg.

Prominent Mason Dead.

W. J. Homeway, one of the best known merchants in Manitoba, and a partner of Premier Roblin, died at his home in German at midnight. He came from Pakenham, Ontario, several years ago. He was high up in Masonry.

Inquiry.

A committee of Rat Portage citizens have been conducting an inquiry into the recent fires and have strong evi-

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**CLOSE DIVISION
IN LEGISLATURE**

**THE GOVERNMENT HAD
A MAJORITY OF TWO**

Mr. Helmcken Takes Steps to Have Victoria Seat Opened and Premier Makes a Charge.

The government emerged safely from its first division yesterday afternoon, although with such a narrow majority as to cause them serious misgivings, should the sense of the House be challenged on a straight issue. A motion to adjourn a debate is never a satisfactory test of the relative strength of the parties in a House, for the reason that those who wish to avoid an issue with the powers that be can usually find an excuse for voting that a debate be adjourned. The division of yesterday was on Mr. Houston's motion, that the debate be adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Helmcken that the writ forthwith issue for an election in Victoria to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Turner's appointment as agent-general. Mr. Houston's motion was carried on the following division:

Agree—Messrs. Houston, Ellison, Prentice, Dunsmuir, Clifford, Wells, Reid, Hunter, Dickie, Mounce, Rogers, Staples, Gilnour Elberts, McInnes, Martin, Hall and A. W. Smith—18.
Nays—Messrs. Tatlow, Taylor, Murray, Garden, Fulton, Munro, Helmcken, McPhillips, Hayward, Curtis, E. C. Smith, Gifford, McBride, Hawthorne, Neill and Green—16.

John Oliver did not vote.

The other features of the opening session were the introduction of members-elect Gifford, who took his seat amid great applause, and the speech of the Premier that he failed to issue the writ for Victoria, believing that Mr. Helmcken would accept a portfolio, and that he thus wished to avoid two elections. Mr.

Helmcken indignantly denied that he ever gave the Premier ground for believing that he would enter his cabinet.

Mr. McBride must be credited with having a rather clever introduction of himself as leader of the opposition. On the Governor's rising, after intimating that the House proceed to the election of a Speaker, as described in yesterday's Times, Price Ellison, whip of the government party, rose, and after deplored the absence through illness of the Speaker Booth, proposed Mr. Pooley's name for that post. There was a pause, and then Mr. Martin rose from his place opposite the Premier and seconded the motion, thus tentatively reasserting his office as leader of the opposition. Then the first applause of the day broke out vigorously from the newly organized opposition as Mr. McBride rose, and "on behalf of the members of His Majesty's loyal opposition" expressed his regret at Mr. Booth's indisposition, referred to the high regard in which he was held and to the devotedness of his service to the House, and expressed the concurrence of the opposition in the member selected to succeed him. Mr. Pooley would creditably fill the office.

Mr. Pooley was then escorted to the chair by Messrs. Ellison and Martin, and after thanking the members for the honor conferred upon him, alluded to the letter received from Mr. Booth, already mentioned in the Times, in which he said that his medical adviser expected he would be able to attend the session in a couple of weeks.

His Honor having returned and read the speech, retired with his suite, and the clerk then read with his applications to the Speaker to hold a session in New Westminster and in Victoria. The former was signed by Messrs. Prentice and Wells, the latter by Messrs. Helmcken and McPhillips. The writ for the New Westminster election was also read, and Mr. Turner's resignation as a member of the House.

Mr. Helmcken then rose and asked the attention of the House to a motion for which he claimed precedence. The House had heard the cork read notices which had reached him through the ordinary channels, whereby on September 4th the Speaker had been notified by two members of the Victoria vacancy. The King, the pleasant gathering broke up in New Westminster.

Here Messrs. McBride and Munro entered the chamber, and proceeding to the Speaker's throne introduced Thos.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

See signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

PRESENTED WITH AN ADDRESS.
Celebration of Rev. R. B. Blyth's First Anniversary of His Pastorate of Congregational Church.

The first anniversary of Rev. R. B. Blyth's pastorate of the First Congregational church was celebrated last night by an entertainment given by the Ladies' Aid in Temperance hall. D. Spragg presided and an excellent programme was rendered. On behalf of the Ladies' Aid, Mr. Scowcroft presented the pastor with a useful house coat and the following felicitous address:

To the Rev. R. B. Blyth, B. A.:
Dear Pastor—On the threshold of another year of your ministry among us, we, the undersigned, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Congregational Church of Victoria, B. C. take great pleasure in offering to you our congratulations upon the successful completion of your first year of ministry as our pastor.

When you were offered this post, we accepted the pastorate of this church, we were feeling sore and downcast, but your arrival has given us hope and uplifted us.

We were encouraged and strengthened by your courage. But, however well we may have done in the past, we recognize the fact that this is still a new year upon which you are now entering, but we go to the work praying and trusting that the Lord has had you in his sight and guided us during the past, and that when the second year of your ministry shall have ended, we shall have still greater reason for congratulation and thankfulness.

In this spirit we greet you to-night, and wish you every success in your ministry. May the Divine blessing and our mutual benefit, both to ourselves and all who may come within the sound of your voice.

Signed on behalf of the Ladies' Aid.

S. A. SCOWCROFT, President.

M. J. BICKERDIKE, Secretary.

Addressess were given by Messrs. G. Carter and R. G. Howell, and after refreshments and a social time generally a very pleasant evening was brought to a conclusion.



RICHARD M'BRIDE, M.P.P.
Leader of the Newly Organized
Opposition.

The second day's session of the 10th annual meeting of the American News Paper Publishers' Association was held at New York yesterday. In the report of Frederick Driscoll, the commissioner who represents the committee in dealing with the International Typographical Union and the International Printing Pressmen's Union since the formation of the committee in April, 1899, it was stated there had been no strike. The average monthly salary in the city was \$30.25, and the average monthly salary for rural teachers and monitors, \$52.00.

Following is a statistical abstract of the number of pupils enrolled during the year, 20,613; increase for the year, 2,084.

Number of boys enrolled, 12,060; increase for the year, 993.

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Average actual daily attendance, 15,008.28; increase for the year, 1,650.90.

Number of pupils enrolled in High schools, 584; increase for the year, 31.

Average actual daily attendance in High schools, 367.20.

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Average actual daily attendance in common schools, 4,282.37; number of school districts, 245; increase for the year, 14.

Five High schools, with a staff of 15 teachers, were maintained during the year, as follows:

Percent.
No. of
Divisions.
Nanaimo 52.15
Nelson 3. 1 74.50
New Westminster 2 55.89
Victoria 4 55.59

The superintendent, notes with gratification the erection of a fine new High school in Victoria at a cost of \$40,000.

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Victoria Hillside Avenue—Inspected, March 8th, 1901. Order and discipline good; attention positive; progress satisfactory.

Victoria, Kingston Street—Inspected, March 11th, 1901. This school is in good standing; progress since former visit is satisfactory.

Victoria, North Ward—Inspected, March 8th and 11th, 1901. Order and discipline good; progress since former visit satisfactory.

Victoria, Rock Bay—Inspected, March 8th, 1901. Progress satisfactory; order good.

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Victoria, Spring Ridge—Inspected,

**PROGRESS OF THE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**GOOD ADVANCE IN
EDUCATIONAL LINES**

Increase in the Number of Pupils—The Minister of Education Submits His Report.

Yesterday afternoon the minister of education tabled the thirteenth annual report of the public schools of the province. The report is prefaced by the superintendent's review of the year's work, or which the following is a synopsis:

The total enrolment during the year was 23,015, an increase for the year of 2,084. Of this number 12,000 were boys and 11,546 girls, an increase of 193 and 1,097, respectively. The enrolment of the five High schools was 584, an increase of 31; at the graded schools, 15,400, an increase of 1,647; and at the common schools, 7,671, an increase of 406. The average daily attendance of all schools was 15,354.91, an increase of 1,667.05; average actual attendance, 13,068.28, an increase of 1,630.87. The grand total actual daily attendance of all pupils was 2,063,920, an increase of 220,023.

The expenditures for education proper during the year was: Teachers' salaries, \$213,088.23; incidental expenses, \$20,428.07; per capita grant to city districts, \$65,840.76; education office, \$12,205.81; Normal school, \$1,944.30; total, \$13,507.17; less fees for teachers' examination, \$1,320; net expenditure, \$13,187.17.

The expenditures for the construction of new school houses, furniture, repairs and improvements to school property for the year was \$88,345.14.

In addition to the above, the municipalities of the cities of Nanaimo, New Westminster, Vancouver and Victoria expended, in addition to the per capita grants received from the provincial government, the following sum:

Nanaimo \$ 7,450.17
New Westminster 11,750.20
Vancouver 24,700.20
Victoria \$182,100.18

Amount expended by provincial government 350,535.31

Grand total cost of education \$82,032.40

The grand total cost of education for the year 1899-1900 was \$80,367.03.

By referring to the figures quoted above and comparing them with those of the year 1899-1900, it will be observed that the cost of education proper increased from \$284,900.10 to \$312,187.17, or an increase for the year of \$27,287.0. The expenditure made by the Department of Lands and Works increased from \$22,569.30 to \$38,345.14, or an increase of \$15,775.24. The total amount expended by the provincial government, therefore, shows an increase of \$43,000.31 for the year.

The average cost of each pupil in enrolment was \$13.20, and the cost of each pupil on average daily attendance, \$20.70.

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Victoria—West—Inspected, March 13, 1901. Classification, order and discipline good. I would recommend that more explanations of the work done by the pupils be exacted from them.

Of schools in the vicinity of Victoria the following report is given:

Cadboro—Inspected, September 18th, 1900. Classification good; order good; progress, generally, satisfactory.

Cedar Hill—Inspected, August 17th, 1900. Classification good; progress satisfactory; pupils quiet, attentive and respectful.

Cowichan—Inspected, October 22nd, 1900. Classification good; progress satisfactory; pupils attentive and quiet.

Cowichan—Inspected, February 5th, 1901. Classification good; progress satisfactory; order good.

Craigflower—Inspected, September 19th, 1900. Progress satisfactory; order good; pupils quiet and amenable to discipline; attention positive.

Departure Bay—Inspected, September 6th, 1900. Work of the school satisfactory; order and discipline good; pupils quiet, attentive and respectful.

Duncan—Inspected, August 21st, 1900. Classification good; order good; pupils quiet, attentive and respectful; progress satisfactory.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

The House has met and the measure of the government and opposition forces has been taken. If Mr. Dunsmuir could maintain the equilibrium as it was manifested yesterday, it would still remain true that his government is defeated. There are still enough members to the right of Mr. Speaker who refuse to worship the Mammon of political unrighteousness as represented by Mr. Dunsmuir and to the left who will not bow the knee to the Baal of political expediency and opportunism, as represented by Mr. Martin, to turn out the present government when the electors who are now denied representation are given an opportunity to make their voices heard.

The Premier has publicly announced that the Victoria seat will be filled as soon as possible. Why not immediately? The excuse given yesterday was that Mr. Helmcken was the cause of the delay. That excuse can serve no longer, because Mr. Helmcken's position is now perfectly well known. It is now usual for Ministers to get up in their places in Parliament and make statements such as that the Premier made yesterday; but then neither is it usual for a man like Mr. Dunsmuir to be at the head of a government.

We hope the Lieut-Governor will now see that it is his duty to insist upon the government meeting a full House. The Premier has admitted that there are now no obstacles in the way of his performing his duty to the country. But he will not do his duty unless some power steps in and insists. He sees a chance of tiding over the session if he is permitted to order the affairs of the people as he would conduct one of his private concerns, and the important point in his estimation is to hang on to power for a few months. It has always been understood to be the duty of the Lieut-Governor to insist upon his advisers having the confidence of a House capable of effectively executing the will of the people. The present government has not a working majority. That was demonstrated yesterday. It might obtain such a majority—it would have no difficulty in obtaining such a majority—if it truly represented public sentiment. The fact that it is afraid to open a single constituency even to a member carrying the prestige of a cabinet position is all the proof that is necessary to convict it of usurpation. The Governor should therefore insist upon the administration either furnishing him proofs of the validity of its title to power or resigning. A government cannot carry out any programme that will be of benefit to the province with defeat constantly staring it in the face.

CHINESE EXCLUSION.

The Royal Commission on immigration handed in its report to the Secretary of State at Ottawa yesterday. There appears to be a well founded impression abroad that a tax of \$500 per head on Chinese, to be imposed at once, is recommended by two of the Commissioners, but a minority report on this point will also be presented by the third commissioner, who will recommend something less than a tax of \$500, say \$300, for one year, in the meantime negotiations to be opened with the Chinese government for a treaty of prohibition, failing which the tax of \$500 to be at once imposed.

This, it is said, is the only matter in which there is any difference of opinion between the members of the commission, all being in full accord on the main question of exclusion.

There will naturally be some differences of opinion as to wisdom of the course recommended. It will no doubt be argued on behalf of the milder course that the usage of diplomacy demand it, that equally stringent legislation is required in the case of the Japanese, the gradual elimination of both being our only sensible course. But to do this step to supply the necessary labor for the industries must receive the earnest consideration of both Dominion and provincial governments, and such an abrupt shutting off of Chinese should not occur as to create an increased and imperative demand for Japanese. If these classes of labor are to disappear and white labor to take their places, it will be necessary probably to consider the repeal of such legislation as the act which nullifies any contract made even in the Eastern provinces for the purpose of bringing laborers into British Columbia.

Then again, even this class of labor which is to step into the Orientals' boots come to this country unassisted, and particularly those whose daughters seek employment as domestic servants? The commissioners seem to have wisely based their reports on the weight of evidence given before them, and in view of the fact that Chinese immigration dropped forty per cent. under the \$100 head tax imposed some years ago, the recommendations of either of the reports seem to contain all that is required in the way of restriction. The minority report, it is understood, is signed by Commissioner Munn.

Mr. Martin's party has openly allied itself with the government, and when the crash comes, which cannot long be

delayed, it will go down with it. The leader has been given credit for a good deal of political astuteness, but this time he appears to have made a serious mistake. He cannot be called upon to form a government, and if he ever appeals to the country at all it will be as leader of a very small minority of the Liberal party. No doubt an attempt will be made to explain away the situation, but no one who saw the enthusiasm of Mr. Martin and Mr. Eberts over the temporary shelving of the resolution calling upon the government to accord Victoria the representation to which she is entitled without delay could have any doubts as to the fusion of the temporarily allied forces. Mr. Martin still had a few Liberal friends left in Victoria until yesterday. Those who endorse his present position must be deeply under the spell of a peculiar influence. We cannot believe that men of the sturdy, clear-voiced, type of Oliver and Kidd can long remain in open alliance with the more pronounced of the Martinites.



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THE HARESKIN INDIANS.

Reaching Great Bear lake on June 22d, we were disappointed to find that the ice of the lake was still as continuous as in mid-winter. This was anything but an encouraging outlook to greet our arrival, and it was made the worse by the news which the Indians brought in a few days afterward. They told us that they had crossed from the northwest end of the lake by dog team, and that we need not expect the ice to break up for at least three weeks' time. These Indians, belonging to the Hareskin tribe, came under the leadership of the chief, Itsekah, a native of the most objectionable type. He wanted to know whence I had come, what was my reason for being there, and if the great white mother had sent me to him. He told me that he wished me to understand that he would kill no earthen in his country, because, if the white man killed one of these animals all the rest would disappear. Finally, however, by giving him presents of black tobacco, and by amusing him and his band in various ways, they became quite cordial, where the most of the carbon were, and as a last concession, the chief agreed to have some of his band waiting for us on Aug. 15th at the southeast extremity of the lake to guide us across country to Great Slave lake. The Hareskin Indians are, for the most part, a harmless, good-natured race, living on the fish they catch or the deer they kill. As a rule, at least once a year they travel to the Hudson Bay Company's post at Fort Norman, to trade their dried meat and furs. They are as yet little civilized, though the majority have recently been Christianized by the Oblate Fathers. They are rather a handsome race, tall and well built, and their picturesquely decorated coats and leggings, ornamented with beads and porcupine quills, give them a pleasing appearance. —The Geological Journal.

Miss Agnes Deans Cameron should not pause in her efforts to enlighten the children of the Old Country upon the geography, etc., of British Columbia.

The working generation of journalists is woefully ignorant in many respects of all things Canadian. The Exmouth Journal of a recent date says: "The distance from Esquimalt (Vancouver) to Honolulu is 2,400 miles, from Honolulu to San Francisco is 2,080 miles, and from San Francisco to Vancouver is 752 miles." As a matter of fact, these are not the distances from Vancouver to the places mentioned, but from Victoria thereto.

The Railway Committee of the Privy Council of Canada has granted Mr. Henry Croft permission to carry his tramway across the tracks of the E. & N. Railway Company. The application was opposed, but the committee, as was to be expected, took the position that no obstacles should be raised to the development of a promising region such as that of Mount Sicker. How much more gracious it would have been to have granted the permission without a contest before the Council.

The electors of Victoria should not fail to attend the meeting to be held in the theatre this evening. The speeches will be short and there will not be a dull moment in the proceedings. It is our last recourse in these peaceful days against an unpardonable injustice, and our protest should be most emphatic.

CANADA'S DEMAND FOR CONCESSIONS

Chicago Post.

Mr. Charlton's plea for reciprocity between the United States and Canada seems to have produced a deep impression. The case of the Dominion is unquestionably reasonable and strong, and fat-minded Americans recognize that present conditions cannot last. As Mr. Charlton says, the condition of affairs is not satisfactory to Canada, and matters have nearly reached a point where a readjustment of some character must be made.

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\$4.50 and \$5.75 Suits for	\$2.50
S Military Coats for small boys, were \$5.75, for	\$2.50

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Men's Outside Shirts

Galah Shirts, with collars, 45c. Striped Cotton, Oxford Shirting and Flannelette Shirts, 35c. each Shirts without collars were \$1.00, for 50c. Sizes, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 17½ and 18. These shirts are sold, but well worth buying at 25c. each Better qualities, 65c. and 85c. each

Caps

Home-spun Tweed Caps, \$1.00 quality for 50c. 50c. and 75c. caps for 35c. 50c. caps for 25c. Boys' Tweed Caps, for 15c. and 25c. \$1.00 Leather Tama, for 50c. Plush Tama, for 50c. Leather and Corduroy Tama, for 50c. Corduroy Tama, for 35c.

Hosiery and Underwear

More Bargains in this department for this week's shop sale.

Black Cashmere Hose, lace feet, were 50c. for 35c. Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Hose, 18c. pr. Children's Cashmere Socks, were 25c. for 12½c. Misses' Ribbed Cashmere Hose, were 35c. and 50c. 25c. and 35c. pr.

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Great excitement was caused, and when the police arrived to remove the woman from the theatre, she struggled desperately, and was carried out by the police. From 10c. to the stage. After being led in a cell at the police station for some time, she regained her self-possession and explained that her husband had deserted her and stolen her child in exactly a similar manner to that represented on stage.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 21— Since yesterday a high barometer area has moved up the Coast to this province, where it is causing a general fall in pressure. The coast of the Coast last night, and thunderstorms at Cape Flattery and on the Lower Mainland above New Westminster. A pronounced decrease between the ranges, and has spread eastward across the Territories to Manitoba.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, chiefly northerly and easterly, gusts to 30 miles per hour Saturday, with light frost at night.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, mostly easterly, generally fair, with light frost at night.

Reports.

Victoria— Barometer, 30.08, temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, 8 miles N. rain, .07; weather, clear. **New Westminster—** Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 30; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles E. rain, .05; weather, clear, fog. **Kamloops—** Barometer, 29.94; weather, fair, 38; minimum, 38; wind, calm; weather, fair. **Port Moody—** Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 26; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, cloudy. **San Francisco—** Barometer, 29.02; temperature, 53; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .38; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Shrimps, oysters and haddock in tins, two for 25 cents. Mowat & Wallace, grocers.

Our customers tell us "It's something to get good values in tea in Victoria and coffee in Victoria." Direct importers, corner Douglas and Johnson, phone, 805.

That property you listed last week with J. E. Church, 14 Trounce Ave., has been sold. If you have more at the right price, he has a purchaser for it.

The favorite route from this city to Nanaimo is now by the Victoria & Sidney railway and steamer Iroquois. Train leaves every Monday and Thursday at 7:45 a.m. Single fare \$1.50. Return, good for 10 days, \$2.50.

Some important suggestions for those who have not tried Capital Cigars; 100 buys one, larger or small, "Don't waste your money on something that does not command itself." "Capital" and "Globe Own" Cigars are standard brands, come to stay and we will great merit. Sold by all dealers.

All aboard for Crofton, the new smelting centre. On and after February 1st a daily passenger and freight service will be inaugurated between Victoria and Crofton and way ports, by first-class steamer, connecting with V. & S. railway. Trains will leave the V. & S. station, good for 7:45 a.m.

C. H. Lugrin, ex-editor of the Colonist, intends to apply for admission to the British Columbia bar next month. In the meantime he is opening up an office in Trounce alley, together with N. P. Shaw & Co., who are interested in northern transportation and commercial enterprises. Mr. Lugrin has no intention at present of leaving the city, which he believes has a great future.

The two local lodges of the Knights of Pythias celebrated the thirty-ninth anniversary of the order's formation at Castle hall last evening. There was a large attendance, and the banquet and concert which took place were of the most delightful character. The committee in charge consisted of J. J. Randolph, chairman; J. G. Hilton, J. Walker, E. P. Fawcett, T. Walker and W. P. Smith. Full particulars of this enjoyable event will be published in the Times weekly lodge column to-morrow evening.

WINTER WORRIES

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The city council will meet in the streets, bridges and sewers committee in the committee room of the city hall to night, commencing at 8 o'clock. The principal subject of discussion will be the Point Ellice bridge question, which was informally discussed at a session held last Monday night, prior to the regular meeting of the city council. There is a difference of opinion among the aldermen as to the nature of the structure. Some advocate a stone bridge, while others point out that a decision along this line would necessitate the re-opening of the entire question, which would delay the construction of the bridge for a considerable period. To-night's meeting may result in a definite recommendation to the council next Monday on the question. Street work may also be considered to-night. At last Monday night's meeting of the council Ald. Cameron moved that the city engineer furnish the committee with a detailed statement of all street work requested and reported on this year. This was carried, and the report will probably be forthcoming to-night. If there is time the committee may also take up the estimates.

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The torpedo destroyers Virago and Sparhawk go in dry dock to-day for a general overhauling.

An interesting meeting of the Veterans' Association will be held this evening, when Dr. Potts will read a paper on the "Indian Mutiny."

A runaway horse collided with Charles Brock, night waiter at Levy's restaurant, as he was riding a bicycle along Government street yesterday, the rider being thrown from a wheel and sustaining a broken rib.

At the session of the Victoria Literary and Debating Society in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening an address on "Rudyard Kipling" will be delivered by Miss Agnes Deans Cameron.

A meeting of the executive of the Tourists' Association is in progress in Maynard's office, city hall, this afternoon. The regular monthly session of the Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade, is being held as this paper goes to press, the meeting having been commenced at 3 o'clock.

The funeral of the late Henry Short will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock from his late residence, Ross Bay, and at 3 o'clock from Christ Church Cathedral. The members of the A. O. U. W. will attend in a body. Mr. Short having been past master of Victoria Lodge.

Steamer Majestic will be off the Puget Sound route for a few days to go on the Rand ways, Seattle, for a general overhauling and cleaning. The local ways being employed, the work could not be done here. The Rosalie will perform the service alone while the Majestic is being overhauled.

In the police court this morning a woman named Madeline was fined \$50 or in default three months' imprisonment for being an inmate of the infamous. A vagrant named Roberts did not appear when called, so a warrant for his arrest was issued. A hackman, summoned for driving over a bridge at an excessive pace, paid his fine of \$5 before the court dismissed.

Dr. B. Bogle, one of the well known newspaper men of the province, was appointed editor of the Colonist, and undertook his new duties last night. Mr. Bogle was editor of the Rossland Miner at one time, and has been connected with several others of the provincial newspapers. He has been a voluminous writer on financial, mining and political subjects, and yields a graceful and vigorous pen. Mr. Bogle has been a resident of the Capital for some time. His many friends congratulate him on his elevation to the wider sphere in which his journalistic talents will now be exercised.

J. Brown, of this city, has invented a neat stenciling apparatus which is on view in the office of A. J. Jones. The machine should prove exceedingly convenient to those using cards or similar forms of advertising. The machine consists of a platform to hold the paper on which the lettering is to be done and a movable cross-piece travelling in a slot-groove. To this latter are attached twenty-four pliable strips of this metal carrying on their ends the letters of the alphabet. By sliding the arm from right to left, the types, which are movable, are marked, and a pointer shows just where each letter has to be printed.

The Columbia and Boys' Brigade interim will engage in a battle royal at Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon commencing at 3 o'clock. The lads of both teams are in fine trim, and enthusiasts should witness a good exhibition. The teams will be as follows: Columbia, goal, Brooker; backs, Finlayson and Hughes; half-backs, Wilson, Hiscock and Wolfenden; forwards, Watt, Simpson, Smith, Vaughan and Anderson. Boys' Brigade, goal, Loveridge; backs, Haughton and A. Belyea (captain), half-backs, B. Johnson, G. Temple and P. Phillips; forwards, J. Belyea, T. Peelen, R. Johnston, A. Sargison and A. Glegg.

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CAN CROSS E. & N. RAILWAY.

Necessary Permission Secured by Lenora Company From Privy Council.

Word was received from Ottawa today that the railway committee of the Privy Council had considered the application of the Lenora & Mount Sicker Railway Company for permission to cross the E. & N. railway with their line from Crofton to the Mount Sicker mines. The committee granted the necessary permission, and the work of completing the railway will be immediately resumed.

A dispatch received from the Times correspondent this afternoon says: "The railway committee of the Privy Council gave permission to-day to the Lenora & Mount Sicker railway to cross the E. & N. road. Mr. Innes, of Bodwell & Duff, appeared on behalf of the Lenora & Mount Sicker Company. He leaves for home to-morrow.

The Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern cases stand over."

Ship Bedford was towed from Esquimalt to the outer wharf this afternoon.

A meeting of the Empire League is taking place this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, in the mayor's office.

In the report of the Tourists' association meeting, appearing in these columns last night, S. F. Mackenzie was erroneously stated to have read an article from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer regarding tourist travel. It should have been Frank A. Mackenzie.

The Victoria Hockey club will hold a general practice at Oak Bay park to-morrow afternoon, after the ladies' match. All members are requested to attend, as it is important that no opportunity should be lost in preparation for the match with Vancouver, which takes place March 8th, at the Terminal city.

In addition to the rough trip which the steamer Umatilla had on her last trip south from Victoria to San Francisco it is said that she had a case of smallpox on board. She was obliged to enter quarantine on arrival at the Golden Gate because of a suspicion of illness in the second cabin.

A meeting of the Electrical Workers' Union was held in Labor hall last evening, when a portion of the by-laws was considered. The charter list will be closed on Monday night, when an application for affiliation with the international body will be forwarded to the headquarters at Rochester, New York.

Capt. John Holtom, "The Cannon King," has been delighting large numbers by his marvelous feats of catching fifteen, eighteen and fifty-six pound cannon balls, and a clever general exhibition, will remain in the city all next week, being the principal attraction at the entertainment given by the band at the terminal city.

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SETTLERS FROM PATAGONIA.

Capt. J. G. Cox Says They Are Industrious and Would Make Good Citizens.

Capt. J. G. Cox, of E. B. Martin & Co., thinks highly of the Welsh settlers in Patagonia, and he hopes that the efforts to secure their transportation to Canada will prove successful. The captain traded with them from Montevideo in 1871-72 and was highly impressed by their many good qualities, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances with which they had to contend.

The colony was settled in Patagonia about 1860, when there was a serious land agitation in Wales. Instead of starting an aggressive crusade at home like their Irish neighbors, the Welshmen sent a committee abroad to select a suitable place to settle those who could not secure land at home. This committee chose the valley of Chubut river, in Patagonia, and about 200 souls went there. Arrangements were made with the Argentine Republic that the colonists were to be exempt from all import and export duties for a number of years, and when they grew to a colony of 20,000 they were to be admitted as a state in the republic, with their own laws, language and customs. The republic was to give them mail and other communication with the outside world. The colony did not turn out well. The ship given the colonists by the Argentine republic on its first trip with all hands on board and for several years they had no communication with the outside world.

When Capt. Cox visited them several years had passed since they had seen a ship. He was much impressed by their industry and sobriety and is pleased to learn that there is a possibility of securing such desirable settlers in this country.

BLESSING THE BELL.

Solemn Ceremony Will be Conducted at St. Andrew's Cathedral Next Sunday.

Next Sunday evening will take place the solemn blessing of the new bell at St. Andrew's cathedral. Mrs. Mary E. Douglas, of Victoria, presented the bell to the cathedral in

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ROSSLAND.

In the opening hockey game of the winter carnival championship series here on Thursday, Rossland defeated Trail by nine goals to three.

KASLO.

At a recent public meeting for women held to receive reports from committees appointed to look into hospital matters, it was resolved that a district committee of the Victorian order be formed in Kaslo with the present object of securing the services of a Victorian order nurse there as soon as possible. A strong local committee was formed, with Mrs. Thompson as president.

NELSON.

The Orange grand lodge yesterday elected the following officers: Grand master, Dr. T. W. Jeffs; deputy grand master, Robert Bell, Kamloops; junior grand master, T. Adair, Revelstoke; honorary chaplain, Rev. John Reid, Victoria; chaplain, Rev. John Reid, Jr., Vancouver; secretary, John Waldemeyer, Vancouver; lecturer, Robert Fawcett, Vancouver; director of ceremonies, Norman Wood, New Westminster.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of H. B. Love, an old man who suddenly disappeared on December 18th, was cleared up yesterday when his body was found floating in the water close to the city dock. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of "death from drowning." Love had been in poor health and poor circumstances. He had no relatives here or elsewhere, as far as known.

VANCOUVER.

A fine of \$50 was imposed in the police court on Wednesday for an offence against the customs laws by a gentleman who visited the Empress of China the other day and took away a quantity of cigars that he had purchased from a Chinaman on the ship. The case was prosecuted by J. M. Bowell, who asked that the minimum penalty he imposed as a warning to any of that considerable class of weak humanity who specially hanker after the flavor of a smuggled smoke.

That Judge Henderson, of the County court, has jurisdiction to deal in the matter of the Jordan appeal case, was the effect of the judgment handed down by Mr. Justice Irving of the Supreme Court. This was an action brought by the Medical Association against Dr. Jordan, the optician, who, they charged, was violating the Medical Act, inasmuch as he used certain words in his advertisements which they interpreted to mean he was posing as a doctor. He was adjudged guilty in the police court before Magistrate Russel, and the case was immediately appealed. When the matter came up before the county court judge, Mr. McPhillips, counsel for the defendants, objected to the appeal being made on the following grounds: (1) That the notice of the appeal was insufficient, inasmuch as it was addressed only to the convicting magistrate and not to the prosecution; (2) That the security had not been furnished within the time stipulated by the said act as the respondent did not furnish security before being released from custody. Judge Henderson overruled these objections and proceeded to hear the appeal. After a decision had been given upholding the appeal, an order was made before Mr. Justice Irving, of the Supreme Court, that His Honor Judge Henderson be prohibited from taking any further proceedings in the appeal. This order has been refused with costs.

HOW NEW YORK EATS.

In New York there are three and a half million mouths to be fed every day. It is a tremendous proposition—almost ten and a half million meals between each morning and midnight. I say almost, because there are always those who close their eyes at night to forget the pain of hunger. There are men who stand shivering for hours in the dead of a winter's night without overcoats, with bare hands, freezing; men dressed in the thin and tattered garb of poverty—waiting for the distribution of loaves of stale bread. For ten years a large bakery at tenth street and Broadway has given way at midday bread left-over from each day. And in the ranged line which waits night for this day repeat are fifty "regular customers," men who include this loaf of bread in their calculations of living. The shivering column stands until midnight, waiting. Then at the command of the watchman, the men file past a huge basket in which are the loaves of bread.—Leslie's Weekly.

THE CURSE OF CANCER

The Most Devastating Disease of Modern Times.

Reliable statistics recently published show that cancer is greatly on the increase not only in European countries, but also in Canada. Medical men seem powerless to stem the terrible tide of mortality.

Old fashioned methods of treatment by surgical operation, caustic pastes and plasters, while involving frightful suffering do not cure, as in nearly every instance the disease returns with severity. Internal medication is the only rational way to treat a disease of germ origin as cancer undoubtedly is.

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Canterbury Cathedral is the largest one in England in extreme height is 245 feet, and that of St. Paul's, London, 312 feet. Salisbury is the highest spire in England, its altitude being 408 feet.

COMMUNICATIONS.

LIBERALS INDEED!

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BUSINESS FOR THE MEMBERS NEXT WEEK

Some Pertinent Inquiries Directed to the Members of the Executive

—Notices of Motion.

Several of the members of the legislature returned last evening to the mainland. Many of those who remain were over to the buildings this morning sobering their souls.

There is already plenty of business in sight for the House when it reassembles on Monday. The following motions have been made:

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Curtis will ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act respecting actions against Trade Unions and Kindred Associations."

By Mr. Helmcken—That an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the government of the Province of British Columbia, or any member thereof, and the Federal government, or any member thereof, the Songhees Indian reserve.

By Mr. Helmcken—For return of the correspondence and report on the Provincial Statutes of 1901.

By Mr. Helmcken—"To introduce the Labor Regulation Act of 1901."

By Mr. Helmcken—Whereas, resolutions have been passed by this honorable House, praying the Dominion government to enact such legislation as will prevent the immigration into this province of citizens of the Empires of Japan and China:

And whereas, the Dominion government has disallowed the acts known as the "British Columbia Immigration Act, 1900," and the "Labor Regulation Act, 1901":

And whereas, the Dominion of Canada and the provinces of British Columbia have shown their loyalty and devotion to the cause of the Empire, and His Majesty the King has had signal proofs of such loyalty:

And whereas, the people of the province of British Columbia have an admitted grievance by reason of their attempts to protect themselves against the immigration of citizens of the Empires of Japan and China into this province being frustrated:

And whereas, the Right Honorable the Premier of the Dominion of Canada has accepted an invitation to be present at the coronation of Our Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII, and it is also proposed by the colonial premiers to hold a conference in the city of London, England, after the coronation:

Be it therefore resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Right Honorable the Premier of Canada, asking him at such conference to bring to the attention of the colonial premiers this question of the admission into Canada of the citizens of the Empires of Japan and China, and to use their influence to cause the Imperial government to take steps with the governments of Japan and China as will enable the question to be governed in such manner as will best accomplish this object.

Mr. Tatlow to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "The British Columbia Immigration Act, 1902."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to amend the Steam Boilers' Inspection Act, 1901."

Questions.

Mr. Tatlow will ask the chief commissioner of lands and works—Has work been stopped on the Reformatory building at Vancouver? And if so, is it the intention of the government to resume same in the near future?

Mr. Tatlow will ask the minister of finance—1. What was the overdraft at bank on December 31st, 1901, and on January 31st, 1902, respectively? 2. What amount of cash was on hand in the treasury, or with courts, at those dates? 3. What rate of interest is being paid the bank on said overdraft?

Mr. Helmcken will ask the Attorney

General—What is the present condition of the negotiations between the provincial and Federal governments touching the settlement of the Songhees Indian reserve?

Mr. Helmcken will ask the Attorney-General—1. Is it a fact that the provincial government has intimated to the corporation of the city of Victoria that it will provide the sum of \$40,000 towards the construction of the Point Ellice bridge? 2. By whom was such intimation made, and when?

Mr. Helmcken will ask the Attorney-General—1. Is it a fact that the Dominion government has intimated to the provincial government that unless certain clauses in the Private Acts of last session referring to the employment of labor be struck out or modified, that the said acts will be disallowed? 2. When was such report received? 3. What action (if any) has the government taken with respect thereto?

COMMUNICATIONS.

STATEMENTS THAT DO NOT FIT.

To the Editor:—The premier made an extraordinary statement in the House yesterday. He admitted that after the government defeat in New Westminster he offered a portfolio to Mr. Helmcken and he further said that the delay in issuing a writ for the Victoria city election was due to Mr. Helmcken's failure to accept or reject the offer. Here are his words as reported in the Col

onist this morning:

"Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir said the government had no intention of keeping Victoria out of a member. The delay had been caused by Mr. Helmcken, who had been asked to take a position in the cabinet, and who had led him (Mr. Dunsmuir) to believe that he would accept the position, and in fact he did not know that he would not enter the government until he was told in a report of Mr. Bodwell's meeting that Mr. Helmcken had there stated that he would join the government.

The government would bring on the Victoria election just as soon as possible."

The meeting to which Mr. Dunsmuir refers was held in the theatre at Victoria on the 9th of December last. At that meeting Mr. Helmcken attacked the government for not having issued the Victoria city writ. The premier has known, since the date of that meeting—73 days ago—that Mr. Helmcken would not enter his government. He tells the House that he accepted Mr. Helmcken's remarks as a refusal of the offer. Well, the premier according to his own showing had been aware for a period of 73 days before he made the statement in the House yesterday that Mr. Helmcken would not join him. During those 73 days there was ample time in which to fill the seat. Can this excuse be accepted as satisfactory by the House or the country in face of the notorious fact that since the date of Mr. Bodwell's meeting Mr. Drury and other gentlemen were importuned to enter the ministry and he refused? Was the premier not aware before he asked Mr. Drury et al. to join him that Mr. Helmcken was out of the cabinet?

And in spite of his statement at the Gladstone interview when he said he would have nothing to do with Mr. Helmcken because he had no confidence in him, the premier told the House yesterday that he had offered Mr. Helmcken a portfolio, and that he had accepted it for the Westminster election and that the shrinkage bids fair to continue. Is the statement in your issue of yesterday, that a representative of the government attended the opposition caucus on Wednesday night and stated he was authorized by the premier to say that if the opposition would return to the government he would give them the two vacant portfolios and agree to break with Mr. Martin, susceptible of proof?

This is a serious allegation and if true should be sheeted home. If it is false it should be shown to be so, for I hesitate to believe that the man who commands this government would dare to prove to the world down the man who saved their necks last session, and whom whose gracious consideration they still retain office. While the government laundry is at work on their dirty linen they might as well empty the foul clothes-basket and tell the country if they authorized any one to make the disgraceful offer.

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Q.—Five times?

A.—More than that.

Q.—100 times?

A.—More than that.

Q.—Two hundred times?

A.—I should think so.

Q.—How much does the carriage weigh?

A.—I don't know.

Q.—Half a pound?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you say you lift it about 200
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